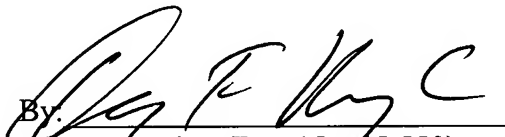


REMARKS

Abstract has been replaced. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 15-28 have been added. Thus, claims 15-28 are now pending in the present application. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. Therefore, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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